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WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A semiconductor device comprising:

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an insulating film having dielectric constant not greater than 2.7 and provided above a semiconductor substrate;

a via comprising a conductive material provided in a via hole formed in the insulating film;

a first interconnection comprising a conductive material provided in an interconnection trench formed on the via in the insulating film; and

a first high-density region formed in the insulating film, having a cylindrical shape surrounding the via hole, an inner surface common to a boundary of the via hole, and a film density higher than the insulating film.

- 2. The device according to claim 1, wherein the first high-density region has the film density greater than the insulating film.
- 3. The device according to claim 1, wherein the first high-density region has the maximum film density in a boundary between the via hole and the first high-density region.
 - 4. The device according to claim 1, wherein a diameter of the first high-density region is smaller than a width of the interconnection trench.
 - 5. The device according to claim 1, further comprising:

a second high-density region formed in the insulating film, and having a cylindrical shape surrounding the interconnection trench, an inner surface common to a boundary of the interconnection trench and a film density higher than the insulating film.

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- 6. The device according to claim 5, wherein the second high-density region has the film density greater than the insulating film.
- 7. The device according to claim 5, wherein the first high-density region is thicker than the second high-density region.
 - 8. The device according to claim 5, wherein the second high-density region is thicker than the first high-density region.
 - 9. The device according to claim 5, wherein the thickness of the second high-density region is less than 25% of the minimum distance between second interconnections formed in the insulating film.
- 20 10. The device according to claim 5, wherein the insulating film includes:
 - a first insulating film provided at any height from a bottom end to a top end of the via hole; and
- a second insulating film provided at any height
 from a bottom end to a top end of the interconnection
 trench.
 - 11. The device according to claim 10, wherein the

second insulating film has a dielectric constant lower than the first insulating film, and a following relation is satisfied:

 $N_{ILD2} < N_{ILD1} = N_{via2} \le N_{via1}$ or

 $N_{\rm ILD2}$ < $N_{\rm ILD1}$ < $N_{\rm via2}$ < $N_{\rm via1}$ or

 $N_{ILD2} < N_{via2} < N_{ILD1} < N_{via1}$

where,

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 N_{vial} : film density of the first high-density region

 N_{via2} : film density of the first insulating film

 $N_{
m ILD1}$: film density of the second high-density region

 N_{ILD2} : film density of the second insulating film.

- 12. The device according to claim 10, wherein the first insulating film consists substantially of an organic polymer having a dielectric constant not greater than 2.3, and the second insulating film consists substantially of an organic polymer different from the first insulating film having a dielectric constant not greater than 2.7.
- 13. The device according to claim 1, wherein the
 20 insulating film consists substantially of an organic
 polymer having a dielectric constant not greater than
 2.7.
 - 14. The device according to claim 1, wherein the insulating film has a porosity not lower than 15% or film density not greater than $1.2g/cm^3$.
 - 15. A semiconductor device comprising: an insulating film having dielectric constant not

greater than 2.7 and provided above a semiconductor substrate;

a via comprising a conductive material provided in a via hole formed in the insulating film;

a first interconnection comprising a conductive material provided in an interconnection trench formed on the via in the insulating film; and

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a first high-concentration region formed in the insulating film, having a cylindrical shape surrounding the via hole, an inner surface common to a boundary of the via hole, and a carbon concentration higher than the insulating film.

- 16. The device according to claim 15, wherein the first high-concentration region has the carbon concentration greater than the insulating film.
- 17. The device according to claim 15, wherein the first high-concentration region has the maximum carbon concentration in a boundary between the via hole and the first high-concentration region.
- 18. The device according to claim 15, wherein a diameter of the first high-concentration region is smaller than a width of the interconnection trench.
 - 19. The device according to claim 15, further comprising:

a second high-concentration region formed in the insulating film, and having a cylindrical shape surrounding the interconnection trench, an inner

surface common to a boundary of the interconnection trench and a carbon concentration higher than the insulating film.

20. The device according to claim 19, wherein the second high-concentration region has the carbon concentration greater than the insulating film.

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- 21. The device according to claim 19, wherein the first high-concentration region is thicker than the second high-concentration region.
- 10 22. The device according to claim 19, wherein the second high-concentration region is thicker than the first high-concentration region.
 - 23. The device according to claim 19, wherein the thickness of the second high-concentration region is less than 25% of the minimum distance between second interconnections formed in the insulating film.
 - 24. The device according to claim 19, wherein the insulating film includes:
 - a first insulating film provided at any height from a bottom end to a top end of the via hole; and
 - a second insulating film provided at any height from a bottom end to a top end of the interconnection trench.
- 25. The device according to claim 24, wherein the second insulating film has a dielectric constant lower than the first insulating film, and a following relation is satisfied:

 $N_{ILD2} < N_{ILD1} = N_{via2} \le N_{via1}$ or

 $N_{ILD2} < N_{ILD1} < N_{via2} < N_{via1}$ or

 $N_{ILD2} < N_{via2} < N_{ILD1} < N_{via1}$

where,

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 N_{vial} : carbon concentration of the first high-concentration region

 $N_{\mbox{via2}}$: carbon concentration of the first insulating film

 $N_{\mbox{\scriptsize ILD1}}\colon$ carbon concentration of the second high-concentration region

 $N_{\mathrm{ILD2}}\colon$ carbon concentration of the second insulating film.

- 26. The device according to claim 24, wherein the first insulating film consists substantially of an organic polymer having a dielectric constant not greater than 2.3, and the second insulating film consists substantially of an organic polymer different from the first insulating film having a dielectric constant not greater than 2.7.
- 27. The device according to claim 15, wherein the insulating film consists substantially of an organic polymer having a dielectric constant not greater than 2.7.
- 28. The device according to claim 15, wherein the insulating film has a porosity not lower than 15% or film density not greater than $1.2g/cm^3$.
 - 29. A method of manufacturing a semiconductor

device, comprising:

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forming an insulating film above a semiconductor substrate, the insulating film having dielectric constant not greater than 2.7 and having a via hole;

forming a buried insulating film on the insulating film while filling the via hole;

forming an interconnection trench connected with the via hole in the buried insulating film and the insulating film;

removing the buried insulating film; and filling the via hole and the interconnection trench with a conductive material.

30. The method according to claim 29, wherein forming an insulating film having dielectric constant not greater than 2.7 and having a via hole includes:

forming the insulating film above the semiconductor substrate; and

forming the via hole in the insulating film by etching.

- 31. The method according to claim 29, wherein removing the buried insulating film is carried out using wet etching.
- 32. The method according to claim 31, wherein the buried insulating film consists substantially of a material selected from a group consisting of a material same as the insulating film, a material same as the insulating film and having a film density higher than

the insulating film, and SiO2.

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33. The method according to claim 29, wherein forming an insulating film having dielectric constant not greater than 2.7 and having a via hole includes:

forming a first insulating film above the semiconductor substrate;

forming a second insulating film different from the first insulating film on the first insulating film;

forming the via hole in the first insulating film by etching; and

forming the interconnection trench connected with the via hole in the second insulating film

- 34. The method according to claim 33, wherein the buried insulating film consists substantially of a material selected from a group consisting of a material same as the first insulating film, a material same as the first insulating film and having a film density higher than the first insulating film, a material same as the second insulating film, a material same as the second insulating film and having a film density higher than the second insulating film, and SiO₂.
- 35. A method of manufacturing a semiconductor device, comprising:

forming a first insulating film above a

semiconductor substrate, the insulating film having
dielectric constant not greater than 2.7 and having a
via hole;

forming a second insulating film different from the first insulating film on the first insulating film while filling the via hole, the second insulating film having dielectric constant not greater than 2.7;

forming an interconnection trench connected with the via hole in the second insulating film while removing the second insulating film in the via hole; and

filling the via hole and the interconnection trench with a conductive material.

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- 36. The method according to claim 35, wherein the first insulating film consists substantially of an organic polymer.
- 37. The method according to claim 35, wherein the second insulating film consists substantially of an organic polymer different from the first insulating film.